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Local Boards.

Clerical appointments in the union and taluk boards.

*2391 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules under the Madras Local Boards Act relating to the appointment of clerks were framed with due regard to the present minimum pay of clerks in the service; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that under the present system of salary for clerks almost all the clerical appointments in the union and taluk boards have to be made with the approval of the president of the district board?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to the rules issued under G.O. No. 1926, L. & M., dated the 31st August 1923. The rules were framed with reference to the scales of salary prevailing in 1923.

(*b*) Each local board can sanction its own scale of pay for its establishment. If it sanctions a scale corresponding to the Government minimum time-scale, then the President, District Board's approval is required for clerical appointments.

Concessions to Adi-Dravida boys in the Board High School, Tiruchengode.

*2392 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the following Adi-Dravida boys who are reading in the Board High School, Tiruchengode, Salem district, are paying school-fees though they are poor and applied for remission of school-fees;

(*b*) what amount of fees they pay—

A. Sundaram, III Form,
A. Arunachalam, III Form,
S. Muttuswami, II Form,
Kuppuswami, I Form,
S. Natesan, V Form;

(*c*) how many non-depressed classes are given school-fee concession, whether half or full; and

(*d*) why no remission of school-fee is given in the case of Adi-Dravida boys according to rule 92?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for from the President, District Board, Salem, on a communication received from the hon. Member on the subject.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether it is not obligatory on the part of the President of the Salem District Board to give concession of school-fee?"

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That question does not arise. The question has been answered to the effect that the information is called for."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" There is already a rule in the Educational Rules to the effect that the members of the depressed classes should be given half-fee concession. I want to know why they do not allow this concession unasked. There is already a rule laying down that they should be given half-fee concession and that being so, why should the Government wait for requisitions from the pupils ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have already stated that the information was called for. The other question does not arise."

Village Panchayats.

Utilization of taxes collected by the Therkupatti Village Panchayat.

* 2393 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total collection of taxes of the Therkupatti Village Panchayat, Tinnevelly taluk, up to date ;

(b) what improvements have been done out of the taxes so collected since the date of its constitution ; and

(c) if no improvements were done, how the funds have been utilized ?

A.—(a) The total collection of taxes by the panchayat is Rs. 193.

(b) & (c) The panchayat has purchased books and opened a library. The panchayat proposes to utilize the balance for the construction of an office building, and the matter is under consideration.

Refund of illegal taxes collected by the President of the Village Panchayat of Therkupatti.

* 2394 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to answer (e) of question 1660 answered on 19th March 1926—

(a) whether the illegal taxes collected were refunded and, if so, how much ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) how much was collected on sheep and goat estimated as sold by the villagers ; and

(d) if the tax or a portion of it has not been refunded, why it has not been so refunded by the President of the Village Panchayat of Therkupatti ?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The refund of the taxes in question is engaging the attention of the Registrar-General of Panchayats.

(c) The amount collected was Rs. 42-7-0.